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Former Colfax County Man Dies in Flames

"Tige" Williams, Well Known Here and at Springer, Burned to Death at Clifton, Arizona

William Williams, known as "Billie" Williams, and who resided at Springer and was once a deputy sheriff there, was burned to death on January 17th in a fire which consumed the Safford House at Clifton, Ariz. Mr. Williams was the only occupant of the hotel who failed to escape. The fire originated in Williams' room but the exact cause of it has not been discovered. The Springer Stockman has this to say in part of Williams and his life.

"Tige" Williams was a familiar figure in all of the camps of Arizona and New Mexico; he was a big-hearted, whole-souled gambler, always ready to help the poor or render assistance to the needy. Only a few days ago he was asked how he acquired the name of "Tige" and he told the story. A number of years ago he was a cowboy on the New Mexico plains. At that time Eddy was a wide open

Dr. C. M. Sheldon to go to England.

Dr. Charles M. Sheldon, the author of "In His Steps," will sail from New York March 15 for England, where he will engage for four months in the interest of temperance reform under the auspices of the United Kingdom Alliance, an organization corresponding to the Anti-Saloon League of America.

Mr. Sheldon said: "For the first time in the history of Great Britain the prospects are bright for temperance legislation."

After leaving Great Britain Mr. Sheldon will spend some time in other European countries, thence to Australia, New Zealand and Hawaii, making a complete circuit of the globe during his absence of six months.

MARKING SANTA FE TRAIL.

Among the measures now pending in the Colorado assembly is one making a small appropriation (\$2,000) for the purpose of surveying and marking permanently the old Santa Fe trail. This pioneer wagon road extended

through Kansas from its eastern border and across the southeastern portion of Colorado, through Commercial street, Trinidad, into New Mexico. The part of the old trail which lies in Kansas has already been appropriately marked and there is good reason why Colorado should complete its share of the work.

The society of the Daughters of the American Revolution has taken an active interest in this matter and a committee of one has been appointed from each of the D. A. R. chapters in this state to look after the matter. The assembly certainly ought to make this appropriation which, under the terms of the bill introduced by Senator Parks, is to be expended under the direction of the state regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the state engineer and the chairman of the D. A. R. Santa Fe trail committee.—Trinidad Advertiser.

WILL CHANGE COKE MAKING.

An invention that will revolutionize the manufacture of coke was officially adopted last week by the W. J. Rain-

ey Coke company, the largest independent producer in the Connellville region. The new machine, the product of the brain of T. J. Mitchell, general manager of the Rainey interest, has been in use for a short time at the Mt. Braddock works and has proved a success. The invention will make it possible for four men to charge, water, draw and convey coke from 100 hundred ovens, thereby doing the same amount of work which now requires from forty to fifty men. The oven is a radical departure. It is rectangular, four feet wide and thirty feet long, the crown being coneshaped. The greatest departure comes in the drawing. On each side of a string of ovens tracks are constructed. A big telescopic machine or ram moves on this. After an oven is watered this is moved before it, and the ram, operated by electricity, forces the entire charge of coke bodily out at the other end.

Public Range Protection. East Las Vegas, N. M., Feb. 4.—Will C. Barnes of this city, secretary of the territorial cattle sanitary board, has been appointed by the president a member of the committee of stockmen to confer with the public lands commission as to the most equitable method of controlling, protecting and improving the public range. A committee of this kind was suggested at the meeting of the American Live Stock association at Denver last month. Barnes has been requested to meet with the commission at Washington on Feb. 11.

RICHARD TRUJILLO KILLED

East Las Vegas, N. M., Feb. 2.—Ricardo Trujillo was killed just after noon today in the local railway yards. He attempted to cross a track on which one of the big freight engines was backing, and was struck. He was caught by the brake beam and dragged forty feet before the engine could be stopped. His head was forced down on the ties and the bumping smashed his head horribly. He was dead when extricated. Trujillo leaves a wife and six children.

Band and Minstrel Show Coming Soon

The members of the Raton Concert Band will give a minstrel show at the Coliseum on February 18th. The Raton girls will assist and one of the best of this seasons programmes will doubtless be rendered. Full notice will be given after the arrangements for the whole affair are completed.

JOHNSON MESA NEWS NOTES

January 26, 1907. Editor of The Raton Range: Early last week I took a drive to Johnson Mesa to see how every one was prospering. I found the people of that section of the country all busy and of course very happy, for a busy man is always happy.

There is one question that the mesa people cannot understand and that is why they cannot sell their oats in Raton. Every buyer has been told that the merchants have no room for any more grain. Another question, "Why haven't they the room?" Was enough oats shipped in from other towns to take up the space when they knew that the mesa people would have oats that could be bought for the same amount of money?

They all know that notwithstanding the mesa oats are far ahead of Kansas oats and that Kansas oats govern the price. This being the case what object did the buyers of Raton have in shipping in such a quantity of oats. Of course when the threshing was done the oats did not come in fast enough to supply the demand but two or three cars would have been sufficient until after the mesa oats was ready.

One man told me that he had bought almost five hundred dollars' worth of lumber from one dealer for which he paid cash, but when he wanted to sell the same man some oats he found that he was well supplied and had no room. There is one good thing in that the price of oats will not decline any, in fact it is on the advance.

Now for some of the late happenings on the mesa: J. P. Dale is going to rent his farm and move to Raton for Mr. and Mrs. Dale are getting too old to live on a ranch.

Abe Brown, who returned a short time ago from an extended visit to Missouri, is thinking of returning to that state soon for it is too high for him here.

Paul Nauta has sold his ranch and will move to Michigan the first of March. Part of the land was sold to John Budd.

Yankee is improving rapidly as there are forty houses under construction besides the amusement hall and other houses.

Ellis C. Jones and family will move in from their ranch four miles east of town this week. They will occupy their home at the corner of Fifth and Moulton.

Innovation in Powder Making at Trinidad

Trinidad People are Manufacturing a Superior Grade of Mining Powder Which Will Revolutionize Mining in This Section

The Union Powder company, Trinidad's powder factory, who manufacture Pettingill's patent smokeless and flameless blasting powder, is making rapid strides into the powder field in this section.

Tests are being made at the various mines. Four very severe tests of the powder were made at the Frisco mine at Piedmont. The powder did all that was claimed for it.

The officers of the company are the following:

Ralph Marsh, president; A. J. Patrick, treasurer; B. C. Pettingill, secretary and general manager; Gilbert H. Mann, attorney.

There is no "puff" to the powder as exists in all other powder. It can be lighted with a match and held within two inches of one's eyes. It simply burns like so much sawdust, there being absolutely no spitting of flame or puff of smoke.

The powder at the mill is made under the personal direction of General Manager Pettingill. Mr. Pettingill's chief assistant is Roy C. Goss.

The new powder cannot be exploded by concussion. Another remarkable

FALSE REPORT ABOUT WILLOW DISASTER

After a very careful investigation into the matter it has been proven by the statement of those in authority that there is no truth whatever in the report that an Italian had been taken into custody here charged with the firing of the Willow mine at Van Houten last week. It is true that three men lost their lives in this fire but the statement that anyone was accused of setting the mine on fire with malicious purpose is merely an unfounded rumor.

Fred Cousins, who has been off for the past three weeks, has reported for work.

Prop sed to Own Wife

Glendale, Mont., Feb. 2.—Miles Bentoh, a miner, answered a matrimonial advertisement and told his correspondent frankly that he had been once divorced. They agreed to marry, but when he saw his fiancée at the place of meeting, she proved to be his divorced wife. He said, "Nothing doing," and returned home.

GOOD FOR WALSBURG.

The knocker in this town is almost an extinct specie of humanity. In fact, a genuine, died-in-the-wool knocker in this town would be worth money as a museum freak.—Walsburg news in Trinidad Chronicle-News.

CHILD KILLED BY ANIMALS

The dismembered remains of a 5-year-old child were discovered last Wednesday near Shoemaker. Undisputable evidence goes to show that the child had been partially devoured by some wild animal.

The little girl had gone out to play without the knowledge of her mother. Having missed her the mother began a search which revealed the fact that she had been killed by an animal, as the head and one arm were gone, and the flesh bore the imprints of the creature's claws. The news spread quickly and a party was organized to run down the beast, but no trace of the animal has yet been found.

The family thus strangely bereaved are Mexicans and the name and further particulars cannot be learned.

CANON PRINTERS MAY QUIT.

Canon City, Colo., Feb. 2.—The printers of this city threaten to strike Monday unless their demand for an increase in wages is granted. The new schedule has the indorsement of the International officers and was made thirty days ago. Journeymen are now receiving \$12 per week, and ask for \$13.50; foremen now get \$15 and ask for \$16.50 for an eight-hour day.

It is understood that the giving of prizes will be stopped at parties and church functions, there being no desire on the part of anyone to come in conflict with the law, but at the Country club society folks may still play for their prizes, it is understood, the club being beyond the limits of the city.

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FAMOUS MATADOR MEETS DEATH IN THE RING.

Mexico City, Mex., Feb. 2.—Antonio Montes, bull fighter, is no more. Three times before his death he had suffered almost fatal accidents, and the fourth, witnessed by some of the most prominent people of the Mexican republic and by David Francis, of St. Louis World's fair fame, and party proved his undoing. Gored in the back and groin the little bull fighter hung on to life with surprising tenacity, until an internal hemorrhage carried him off.

Montes was considered probably the most daring and skilful matador in Spain, which means the whole world. With eight months' tutelage from Antonio Fuentes, he entered the ring as a full fledged matador seven years ago, and since that time he has fought creditably before all the royal family of Spain, and on many occasions was their guest.

During his career as a matador Montes is credited with having earned at least \$300,000, the greater part of which went to his wife, father, mother, brothers and sisters. Montes was known as the "gentleman caballero," not only in his own circles, but among followers of the bull ring. His chief delight was not in women and wine, but in a clean life, which enabled him to give heavily to his family.

In his career as a matador, a killer of bulls, Montes had appeared in 328 fights, and had given the death stroke to 780 bulls in Mexico and Spain. His work had called forth the keenest exclamations of appreciation and enjoyment on the part of the king of Spain.

Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 1.—The legislative assembly today passed the governor's suggested bill, previously passed by council repealing the statute permitting licensed gambling in Arizona.

The new law takes effect April 1. Phoenix, Ariz., Feb. 1.—As the court house clock boomed the solemn midnight hour last night it not only pealed forth the announcement that time had claimed another day but also rang the death knell of gambling in Phoenix.

Six years ago the female saloon Warbler was swept out of the city of Phoenix on a wave of reform and now the march of reform carries the tiger before it. As the saloon singer receded to the mining camps and other cities so is the gambler now forced out of Phoenix, but he will have not the place to lay his head in Arizona

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for long as a green cloth man, for April 1 a new law similar to that which banishes him from Phoenix today, will go into effect in the entire territory.

And the saloon warbler who still hangs forth in mining camps and some of the larger cities must lie herself to another land.

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